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Online manga bestsellers for the week ending 9 December

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Sources: Amazon, B&N, Books-a-Million, Borders (beta), Buy.com, Chapters of Canada, DeepDiscount.com, Powell's Books, * Tower, and * Virgin.

Raw data for these rankings is taken from the "top 100 bestselling manga" listed at each of these 10 online booksellers. Sites were checked at least once a week and as often as every other day (for top sites Amazon and B&N) during the two week period prior to the nominal posting date. Additional info on both sources and methodology can be found in the notes following the rankings.

Top 25 Manga Series

Current Ranking	↑↔↓	ranks gained/lost	last wks. ranking	Title	Publisher	1st vol. released		Score
1.	↔	0	*(1)*	Naruto	Viz	Jul	2003	(697.5)
2.	↔	0	*(2)*	Death Note	Viz	Oct	2005	(397.5)
3.	↔	0	*(3)*	Fruits Basket	Tokyopop	Feb	2004	(289.6)
4.	↔	0	*(4)*	Vampire Knight	Viz	Jan	2007	(219.9)
5.	↑	3	*(8)*	Bleach	Viz	Jun	2004	(215.9)
6.	↓	1	*(5)*	Warriors	HC/Tokyopop	Apr	2007	(159.1)
7.	↓	1	*(6)*	Dark Hunger -- Feehan	Berkley	Oct	2007	(155.1)
8.	↑	1	*(9)*	Pokemon	Vizkids	Nov	1999	(140.2)
9.	↑	1	*(10)*	Kingdom Hearts	Tokyopop	Oct	2005	(120.8)
10.	↑	4	*(14)*	Fullmetal Alchemist	Viz	Apr	2005	(116.6)
11.	↓	4	*(7)*	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Viz	Jun	2003	(97.6)
12.	↑	3	*(15)*	Ouran High School Host Club	Viz	Jul	2005	(91.6)
13.	↓	2	*(11)*	Tsubasa: Reservoir Chronicle	Del Rey	Apr	2004	(90.3)
14.	↓	1	*(13)*	Making Comics -- McCloud	HarperCollins	Sep	2006	(89.8)
15.	↑	99	*(114)*	Tail of the Moon	Viz	Sep	2006	(89.6)
16.	↓	4	*(12)*	Yotsuba&!	ADV	Jun	2005	(87.8)
17.	↓	1	*(16)*	Loveless	Tokyopop	Feb	2006	(87.0)
18.	↑	7	*(25)*	Berserk	Dark Horse	Oct	2003	(80.9)
19.	↑	3	*(22)*	Genshiken	Del Rey	Apr	2005	(80.5)
20.	↑	1	*(21)*	Avalon High	HC/Tokyopop	Jul	2007	(66.4)
21.	↑	2	*(23)*	One Piece	Viz	Jun	2003	(61.8)
22.	↑	6	*(28)*	Gentleman's Alliance†	Viz	Mar	2007	(59.6)
23.	↑	48	*(71)*	The Monster Book(s) of Manga	Collins Design	Jan	2006	(52.9)
24.	↓	4	*(20)*	Vampire Hunter D	DMP/Dark Horse	Jun	2005	(48.2)
25.	↑	87	*(112)*	Japanese in Mangaland	Japan Publ. Inc.	Dec	2003	(47.3)

Top 100 manga volumes

Current Ranking	↑↔↓	ranks gained/lost	last wks. ranking	Title	volume number	Publisher	release month	release year	Score
1.	↑	1	*(2)*	Naruto	22				(252.7)
2.	↓	1	*(1)*	Naruto	24				(239.1)
3.	↑	1	*(4)*	Naruto	23				(232.8)
4.	↑	1	*(5)*	Death Note	1				(222.9)
5.	↑	3	*(8)*	Fruits Basket	17				(217.6)
6.	↑	5	*(11)*	Naruto	19				(208.0)
7.	↑	6	*(13)*	Naruto	21				(207.5)
8.	↑	1	*(9)*	Death Note	2				(206.1)
9.	↑	5	*(14)*	Naruto	20				(203.3)
10.	↑	9	*(19)*	Naruto	18				(202.4)
11.	↓	8	*(3)*	Fruits Basket	18				(199.6)
12.	↓	5	*(7)*	Naruto	27				(198.4)
13.	↑	9	*(22)*	Naruto	17				(197.0)
14.	↓	4	*(10)*	Vampire Knight	3				(196.2)
15.	↓	9	*(6)*	Naruto	25				(191.3)
16.	↑	9	*(25)*	Death Note	12				(190.2)
17.	↓	3	*(14)*	Death Note	3				(185.7)
18.	↓	1	*(17)*	Naruto	16				(183.5)
19.	↓	7	*(12)*	Naruto	26				(183.2)
20.	↑	1	*(21)*	Naruto vols 1-27 box set	bx				(180.2)
21.	↑	3	*(24)*	Naruto	1				(179.9)
22.	↓	2	*(20)*	Naruto	15				(174.1)
23.	↑	3	*(26)*	Death Note	4				(168.4)
24.	↑	3	*(27)*	Death Note	5				(164.2)
25.	↓	7	*(18)*	Dark Hunger -- Feehan					(155.1)
26.	↑	6	*(32)*	Death Note	11				(150.7)
27.	↑	4	*(31)*	Naruto	2				(149.1)
28.	↑	8	*(36)*	Death Note	6				(148.6)
29.	↓	13	*(16)*	Warriors	1				(148.2)
30.	↑	9	*(39)*	Naruto	14				(142.9)
31.	↑	13	*(44)*	Death Note	10				(140.1)
32.	↑	20	*(52)*	Naruto	3				(136.6)
33.	↓	3	*(30)*	The Art of Naruto: Uzumaki					(136.1)
34.	↑	7	*(41)*	Death Note	7				(130.8)
35.	↑	11	*(46)*	Death Note	9				(129.1)
36.	↑	15	*(51)*	Naruto	5				(126.3)
37.	↓	4	*(33)*	Vampire Knight	1				(125.7)
38.	↑	23	*(61)*	Death Note	8				(124.3)
39.	↓	10	*(29)*	Bleach	20				(123.1)
40.	↑	27	*(67)*	Bleach	1				(118.2)
41.	↑	32	*(73)*	Naruto	4				(114.1)
42.	↓	2	*(40)*	Best of Pokemon Adventures: Red					(113.0)
43.	↓	8	*(35)*	Vampire Knight	2				(111.6)
44.	↑	24	*(68)*	Naruto	13				(108.2)
45.	↓	17	*(28)*	Let's Find Pokemon! Special Edition					(106.5)
46.	↑	11	*(57)*	Naruto	9				(105.5)
47.	↑	6	*(53)*	Naruto	10				(100.5)
48.	↓	11	*(37)*	Kingdom Hearts vols 1-4 box set	bx				(99.4)
49.	↑	6	*(55)*	Fullmetal Alchemist	15				(98.9)
50.	↓	12	*(38)*	Best of Pokemon Adventures: Yellow					(98.8)

Top 100 manga volumes, cont.

Current Ranking	↑↔↓	ranks gained/lost	last wks. ranking	Title	volume number	Publisher	release month	release year	Score
51.	↓	17	*(34)*	Bleach	21				(98.2)
52.	↑	23	*(75)*	Bleach	2				(95.9)
53.	↓	30	*(23)*	Yu-Gi-Oh! GX	1				(95.0)
54.	↓	6	*(48)*	Kingdom Hearts Chain of Memories Box Set	bx				(93.2)
55.	↑	14	*(69)*	Naruto	12				(92.3)
56.	↓	9	*(47)*	Making Comics -- McCloud					(89.8)
57.	↑	142	*(199)*	Tail of the Moon	8				(89.1)
58.	↑	42	*(100)*	Naruto	8				(88.2)
59.	↓	1	*(58)*	Fruits Basket	16				(85.9)
60.	↓	16	*(44)*	Tsubasa	15				(84.3)
61.	↓	19	*(42)*	Yotsuba&!	5				(84.0)
62.	↓	8	*(54)*	Loveless	7				(82.6)
63.	↑	21	*(84)*	Bleach	3				(81.5)
64.	↑	2	*(66)*	Genshiken	9				(80.5)
65.	↔	0	*(65)*	Naruto	6				(79.1)
66.	↑	6	*(72)*	Berserk	20				(77.1)
67.	↑	49	*(116)*	Naruto	11				(76.2)
68.	↑	6	*(74)*	Naruto	7				(71.8)
69.	↓	19	*(50)*	Ouran High School Host Club	9				(69.9)
70.	↓	28	*(42)*	Warriors	2				(69.8)
71.	↑	284	*(355)*	Bleach	7				(68.7)
72.	↓	8	*(64)*	Avalon High	1				(66.4)
73.	↓	25	*(48)*	Bleach	19				(63.6)
74.	↓	4	*(70)*	One Piece	16				(61.6)
75.	↑	7	*(82)*	Fullmetal Alchemist	14				(59.8)
76.	↑	5	*(81)*	Gentleman's Alliance†	4				(59.0)
77.	↑	122	*(199)*	Bleach	4				(57.3)
78.				Fruits Basket	15				(52.3)
79.	↑	64	*(143)*	The Monster Book of Manga -- Estudio Joso					(52.2)
80.	↑	297	*(377)*	Bleach	16				(49.5)
81.	↑	50	*(131)*	Kingdom Hearts II	1				(49.4)
82.	↑	273	*(355)*	Bleach	6				(48.0)
83.	↓	27	*(56)*	Pokemon: Mystery Dungeon					(47.7)
84.				Fruits Basket	9				(47.3)
85.	↑	58	*(143)*	Bleach	17				(46.4)
86.	↑	113	*(199)*	Japanese in Mangaland					(46.0)
87.	↓	24	*(63)*	Vampire Hunter D (novel)	9				(45.4)
88.	↑	33	*(121)*	Bleach	18				(44.4)
89.	↓	18	*(71)*	Millennium Snow	2				(44.3)
90.	↓	30	*(60)*	Vampire Kisses	1				(42.5)
91.	↑	18	*(109)*	Dramacon	3				(41.4)
92.	↓	14	*(78)*	Naruto: Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow					(40.8)
93.	↑	39	*(132)*	Ouran High School Host Club	1				(39.5)
94.				Fruits Basket	12				(37.1)
95.	↑	2	*(97)*	Chibi Vampire	6				(37.0)
96.	↓	9	*(87)*	Naruto Anime Profiles	2				(36.6)
97.	↑	9	*(106)*	Hana-Kimi	21				(36.4)
98.	↑	212	*(310)*	Absolute Boyfriend	4				(34.7)
99.	↓	6	*(93)*	Skip Beat!	9				(34.4)
100.	↑	35	*(135)*	Ouran High School Host Club	2				(34.0)

Notes:

The rankings are determined using 15 different “top 100 bestselling manga” lists drawn from eight sites, and two “top 50 bestselling manga lists” drawn from Tower.com and Virginmega.com, just because I don't like them quite so much. That, and in Tower's case I can't find more than a top 60 anyway.

- Amazon and B&N are checked four times weekly (Mon-Wed-Fri-Sun) for the two weeks prior to the nominal posting date.
- Chapters.indigo.ca is checked twice weekly, on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- BAMM, Borders, Buy.com, DeepDiscount.com, and Powell's are checked twice overall, on consecutive Saturday nights
- Tower and Virgin are also checked twice, but as noted with only a Top 50 considered (so the results from these two sites only count half as much).

a breakdown by percentage of the contribution from each site looks like this: 25% Amazon, 25% B&N, 12.5% Chapters, 6.25% each from BAMM, Borders, Buy.com, DeepDiscount.com, and Powells, with Towers and Virgin (potentially with the all-important tie-breaking vote between Naruto 26 and 27) at 3.125% each.

- for the “top 100” list found each time a site is checked, the title placing at #100 scores 1 point, with an additional point added for each rank above 100; the number one title scores 100 points. Scoring is repeated for each list pulled from each site during the audited period; for example, If a title were to hold the #1 rank at Amazon for a full two weeks, it would score a total of 800 points.

- for the two “top 50” lists (Towers and Virgin) a title scores 1 point for #50, and an additional point for each rank above 50. (max: 50 points for #1)

- And then we divide all the scores by 10. This doesn't change any math or title-to-title comparisons, but the introduction of that small-but-all-important decimal point should serve as a reminder that my 'scores' are derived from relative rankings and do not correspond to unit or dollar sales.

- the Top 25 Series are calculated by taking the score of the top volume as a base and adding one tenth of the scores of all remaining iterations of the property. Art books, novels, sequels, prequels, and of course all ranking manga volumes of a title count toward this total

- These are the books that come up from manga keyword searches and the manga categories of the source sites. Every now and then, we have things which aren't “manga”, but I'm already considering 3200 individual listings which after the first pass through the grinder resolves into roughly 400 titles with at least 6 attributes apiece (current score, last week's rank, volume# & series affiliation, publisher, and date of release) that are of note for the rankings (both series and individual) and you know, I'm not getting paid for this so while I reserve the right to make an occasional value judgment (Dear Disney, I don't care how much you're paying Tokyopop, Hannah Montana *isn't* manga) I can't be bothered to filter everything. If it's manga-ish, hell that's good enough, I'm leaving it.

- When the Borders site emerges from beta testing, I will double-count their results similarly to Chapters (but that’s not happening yet.)

- I’m still looking for more input: if you’ve found a site that has “manga” as a category, and also listings to be sorted in “bestselling” order, please drop a link in the comments. This means you, Fye.com: When you get you website in order, you’re going in the mix.

Thank you for reading the whole document. You get +1 manga karma.